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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 4, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of September 5, 2002,  
please enter the amendments that follow.

Submitted herewith is a petition and fee to extend the  
date for responding by two months to February 5, 2003.  
Accordingly, it is believed that this response is timely filed.